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CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE OLD-FASHIONED EVENT IN OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

--Jump Back In Time and Celebrate the Red, White, and Blue in True 1800s-style --

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is hosting a free, old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration where guests will be able to come and relive the excitement of a 1800s Independence Day celebration. This free event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Come join us and celebrate the Fourth of July in a way that your family will never forget," said Frances McMeeken, event organizer. "We will have free activities and games for all ages that date back to the 1800s. This memorable celebration is a family tradition for many San Diegans."

Guests are encouraged to participate in the parade around the plaza reminiscent of the July 4th parades of early San Diego with horses, wagons, and people in historical costumes. Children 12 years and under may enter the patriotic hat-making activity and proudly wear their creation in the parade. Children's games and crafts begin at 10:30 in the plaza.

The band "Made in America" will be performing historic and patriotic music on stage starting at 10:30 am. Opening Ceremonies start at 11:30 with a Welcome on stage and a parade around the plaza all are invited to participate in. It will be followed by a flag raising ceremony which will include the Color Guard and speaker at noon.

Following the parade, there will be crafts, games, contests, and informational demonstrations that represent the activities enjoyed in the 1800s. The stage will be filled with free entertainment such as historic dancing, vignettes, and patriotic music. All of the museums will be open and, as always, free to the public.

The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service. Free parking is available at the CalTrans headquarters, just two blocks from the park at 4050 Taylor St.

For more information about the Historic Fourth of July celebration, call Old Town San Diego State Historic Park visitor center at 619-220-5422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego.

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